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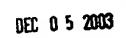
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Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, on the abovereferenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.